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Secretary Marlene H. Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

***Re: WT Docket Number 02-55, Solving Public Safety Radio Interference***

Dear Madam Secretary,

I'm very concerned about the problem of radio interference inhibiting first responders' communications systems. Firefighters dedicate their lives to protecting America's communities. How can this situation remain unsolved while the safety of our first responders, our neighborhoods, and our families is on the line?

The Consensus Plan is what we've been looking for. The public safety community asks for your support so it can be implemented. After two years, thousands of supporters, and countless sessions deliberating how to solve this problem, I am amazed that a decision has yet to be reached and that the Consensus Plan has yet to be implemented. I think it is time to listen to the men and women who dedicate their lives to public service and preserving peace in our communities. We shouldn't have to fight for the tools we need to protect America.

More than 1,000 public safety departments, agencies and officers have gathered together to advocate for the Consensus Plan. Our chorus of support during the past two years has demonstrated the critical nature of this problem and the absolute need for this comprehensive solution. We, as Americans, cannot continue to stand aside while our officer's fight to communicate while also fighting to save lives. We hope you will support the Consensus Plan and make America safer.

Respectively,

Chief John F. Nash  
Winchester Fire Department